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move the adoption of the committee amendments striking the provisions I have so named by this motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is there any further discussion on the committee amendments? If not, the motion is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, against nay.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please vote. Anybody else care to vote? Mr. Clerk, record the vote.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Committee amendments are adopted. Are there any further amendments on the bill? Senator Landis, I think it would be in order for you to explain the bill. Do you wish to take up your first amendment right now or do you wish to explain the bill first?

SENATOR LANDIS: I would rather explain the bill, one of the reasons being that these amendments do amend provisions which remain in the bill itself and would probably be more easily understood following an explanation of the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Remembering that at the conclusion of this I will be making a motion to make two brief amendments to the bill, let me describe some of the sections which remain in LB 623. Section 2 changes the word voter registration "challenge" to "verification" on letters and forms sent out to verify voter registration. Section 6 raises from five to ten percent of the votes cast in specified previous elections the number of signatures required of petition candidates in first and second class cities and villages and Class II, III and IV school districts. It also removes the minimum number of signatures currently required on petitions circulated by candidates in Class II, III and IV school districts. Section 7 changes the time period during which a candidate can have his or her name removed from the ballot. Currently such requests for removal must be made no later